

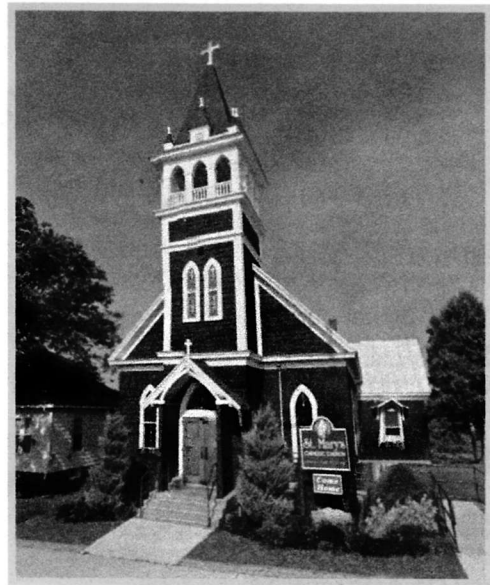
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**Pastoral Associate: Sr. Mary Ellen Brett, SSJ**

**Augustinian Academy: Sr. Annunciata Collins, SSJ, Principal**

Sunday Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.)**

**Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm St. James**

**Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's**

**Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's**

**10:00 am St. James**

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

**Contact the Rectory anytime**

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**January 22, 2017**

# MASS INTENTIONS

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

5:00SJ (ant.) - Intention of Bessie Trembley - 90th Birthday by her children

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:00SM - Thomas Sweredoski by Penny & Bill Tyner  
10:00SJ - Nancy Denise by Mary Holliday

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

5:30SJ - James Humenick by Luke & Susan James

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

12:00SJ - John Schreck by Delana Schreck

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

9:00SM - Dorothy Fargo by Lucille Shettleton

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

**THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

12:00SJ - Liam Keogh by Tom & Yvonne

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

5:00SJ (ant.) - Peter Abbass by Jack & Betty Mellon

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

8:00SM - Thomas LaBarge by Fran Hebert & family  
10:00SJ - Fr. DelConte & Fr. Maroun by a friend

**Calendar of Events:**

- Jan. 22 - St. Mary's Surprise Snowflake Bkfst, after 8am Mass
- Jan. 22 - Respect Life March, 2pm (K of C Hall)
- Jan. 23- Women of Grace, 6:30pm (CR)
- Jan. 24 - SJ & SM Pastoral Planning, 7pm (SJ-CR)
- Jan. 25-Christian Unity Service, 7pm(Grace Episcopal Church)
- Jan. 29 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11:15am-12:45pm (CR)
- Feb. 2 - K of C Meeting, 7pm (CR)
- Feb. 7 - Ave Maria Circle Meeting, 6pm (CR)
- Feb. 11 - CAA Annual Mardi Gras, 6pm (Elks Club)

**CARTHAGE RIGHT TO LIFE**

Walk for Life Sunday, Jan. 22, 2pm  
Beginning at K of C Hall, Carthage

*"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men!" Will you answer the call of Jesus? Talk to Fr. Donald Robinson or contact Fr. Tom Higman at [www.myvocation.net](http://www.myvocation.net).*

**Weekly Offerings**

January 15, 2017

	<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>
Envelopes	\$5,277.00	Envelopes	\$907.00
Plate	\$972.50	Plate	\$164.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,249.50</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,071.25</b>
Last Year	\$5,303.75	Last Year	\$1,092.50

**THANK YOU!**

**School News**

**January 22, 2017**

Thanks to all who attended the January Breakfast for the benefit of Augustinian Academy. The February Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 12.

*Thanks to all who save Labels for Education for Augustinian Academy. Recently, the school received a check for \$1000 for those which had been collected since July. Please keep up the good work.*

*Augustinian Academy accepts registrations throughout the school year. Please call the office (493-1301) to schedule a visit.*

*Augustinian's Annual Mardi Gras will be held at the Carthage Elks Club on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Tickets are \$40 for a single and \$70 for couples. Tickets are now on sale from the school office (493-1301).*

**The Respect Life second collection** will be held the weekend of January 21-22, commemorating the anniversary date of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our nation. The collection is used to advance Respect Life initiatives in our diocese by means of grants. The fund is to support and encourage efforts that affirm and promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death. Last year twenty Respect Life grants were awarded. Grant applications are available on the Respect Life website: [www.rcdony.org/pro-life](http://www.rcdony.org/pro-life). They must be received by the Respect Life office by the end of February. Thank you for all you do for life!

**Respect Life Prayer Service** - Liferight of Watertown will hold their annual interfaith candlelight Respect Life prayer service on Monday, January 23rd at seven pm. At St. Anthony's Church parking lot. Refreshments to follow in Secchi Hall in the lower floor of the church. Elevator is available.

**Additional Christmas Flower Memorials**

In Memory or Intentions of

Requested By

John Ablan

Bob & Bonnie Hazard

***Creating a culture of vocation.....A Study Commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.***

**IMPORTANT MEETING**

Pastoral Planning

**Tuesday, Jan. 24 7pm in St. James CR**

Parish Council Members, Parish Finance Council Members  
From St. James & St. Mary's

**St. Mary's Bulletin**

Sunday, Jan. 22- "Surprise Snowflake Breakfast" after 8am Mass

**St. Mary's Bishop's Fund Goal - \$2840**

Received to date **\$2524**

Needed to reach goal **\$ 316**

**Thanks for your Great Support!!! Hope we can still receive \$316 to reach St. Mary's Goal**



## From the Pastor:

As has been the case throughout the US and worldwide, the Catholic Church takes the lead in proclaiming and promoting the sanctity of human life. This is the case in Carthage as well. Although Carthage Right to Life welcomes all members of the community to demonstrate their support of the life issues, the area's Catholic faithful have always demonstrated the Church's beautiful teachings fully and publicly, charitably and courageously. Carthage Right to Life will have its 34th annual Walk for Life TODAY (Sunday) at 2pm starting at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Madison Street, West Carthage. The March will proceed with a police escort to the Memorial for the Unborn in front of St. James Church. Refreshments will be served in the St. James Community Room following the walk. This is my second Carthage Walk for Life and I am so excited. I have been preparing for the past few weeks: I have been lifting weights and running around the block each day! So, I should be ready for Sunday afternoon. Will you please join me?!

Today's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is a very important one. It is the annual RESPECT LIFE collection. Bishop LaValley's important letter on the subject is printed in this week's bulletin. Each of our lives, and every life, is worth living, no matter the circumstances. We are called to respect and protect our lives and the lives of others, and we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to all, especially the most vulnerable. We have been given one life to live, which has inestimable value – how will we choose to live it? Please be generous as you can be with today's special collection to support LIFE!

Sister Mary Ellen and I have been cooking and cleaning and baking for weeks to get ready for the St. Mary's Appreciation Breakfast which we will serve today after the 8am Mass. This is our opportunity to celebrate the beginning of the new year and to thank all the fine people of St. Mary's for their hard work and dedication during 2016. You do not want to miss this incredible event at St. Mary's.

Update on St. James Capital Campaign (C.C.): Many parishioners have made pledges to the C.C. and I am grateful to all of you. Please remember that pledge payments are in addition to your regular offertory contributions. Payment reminders and a special payment return envelope are being mailed to you each month, OR according to the plan you selected – quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Please make checks payable to St. James Church. For your convenience, you have the option to use electronic giving for your pledge. Extra C.C. envelopes are in the Gathering Space of the Church for your use and you can put your contribution in the collection basket also. If you don't want reminder statements mailed to you, please inform Joanne Norrgard in the parish office. If you receive a payment reminder and you notice an error, please let Joanne know also.

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year again – tax preparation. If you would like a copy of your church contributions for the past year, please call the parish office in the near future and a copy will be mailed to you for tax purposes. You must make a request for this information this year.

Congratulations to Xander B. Schmiedicke, son of Matthew and Katherine Schmiedicke, who will receive his First Eucharist this weekend at the 5pm Mass. Matthew will be deployed soon so this is an opportunity for the whole family to be together for this important occasion. (Continued).....

...(Continued) You are invited to join us as we come together to celebrate the week of Christian Unity. The Service of Christian Unity will be held on Wednesday, 25 January at Grace Episcopal Church, 421 State St., Carthage, at 7pm. Music will be provided by "Friends of God" and the United Churches' Bell Choir. Pastor Carlos Mercado of the Church of God, Soldiers of Jesus Christ will deliver the message based on 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20. The message is Reconciliation.....the love of Christ compels us. Refreshments will be served after the service. I am sure it will be cold outside, but a warm welcome awaits you inside. We look forward to seeing you there.

January 22, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Psalmist proclaims:

For it was you who created my being,  
Knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
For the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,  
My body held no secret from you  
When I was being fashioned in secret  
And molded in the depths of the earth.  
(Psalm 139: 13-15)

These words are particularly inspiring when we reflect on the gift of human life. The sentiments of the Psalmist are clearly those of gratitude: *I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.* Do we believe every human life is a wonder-filled gift? When I don't embrace human life as a gift, then I need not treat it with any special dignity or respect. The body becomes merely an object that I can do with as I please. Enter: pornography, euthanasia, abortion. If I don't believe that every human life is precious, my heart risks becoming hardened towards the sufferings endured by others who are vulnerable: the refugee, the homeless, the immigrant.

Back in 1995, Pope John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, wrote: "Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore, every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart." The Church's heart continues to suffer the wounds inflicted by our nation's Supreme Court *Roe v Wade* decision, when it decided, forty-four years ago, that human life in a mother's womb was not a precious gift from God to be protected and nurtured.

Again this year, tens of thousands of people from throughout our nation, including faithful pilgrims from the North Country, will join together in the annual *March for Life* in Washington, DC. Although the media gives this event scant attention, our legislators will see the large numbers of their constituents who care deeply about the right to life from conception to natural death. The message is clear and compelling: *with grateful hearts, every human life is a gift to be treasured, not discarded.*

Thank you for your generous support of this year's collection that supports our many local efforts to help form consciences to embrace the gift of human life at all its stages. Let us continue to pray that minds be opened and hearts softened.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*Terry R. LaValley*

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Thank You to our **Angel Dusters** who did a nice job cleaning our church for the month of January: Pat & Joanne Britton (choir Loft), Mary Hall, Gail Countryman, Cindy Kilburn, Georgette Ginger, Jerry Ashcroft, Michele Buckingham, Greta Storms, Tammy Miller and Ron Workman.



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